# **Barbie Bassett**

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## **Education**

Mississippi College, Clinton, MS B.S. Mass Communications

Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS M.S. Geosciences in Broadcast Meteorology

Portland State University, Portland, OR Post Graduate classes

## **Employment History**

WTVC-TV, Chattanooga, TN May 1995-May 1996 Weekend Meteorologist/Lifestyle Feature Reporter

WAPT-TV, Jackson, MS May 1996-May 1998 Weekday Morning Meteorologist

Mississippi College, Clinton, MS August 1996-May 2004 Adjunct Professor of Communication

Madison County Chamber of Commerce May 1998-September 1999 Director of Membership & Development

Mercury Aviation, Jackson, MS October 1998-July 2003 Skycopter Traffic Reporter for Arrow 94.7FM & WLBT

WLBT-TV, Jackson MS
September 1999-September 2003
Morning News Anchor, 5:30am News Producer, General Assignment Reporter & Fill in Meteorologist

American Family Radio, Tupelo, MS December 2008-May 2015 National Radio Meteorologist for 190 stations nationwide WLBT-TV, Jackson, MS October 2003-May 2013 Chief Meteorologist & Midday Mississippi Co-Anchor

WLBT-TV, Jackson, MS

June 2013 – November 2019

Freelance Meteorologist, On-Air Special Projects Talent & Skycopter Traffic Reporter

WLBT-TV, Jackson, MS
December 2019 – September 2021
Morning News Traffic Reporter & Today at 11 Co-Host

WLBT-TV, Jackson, MS
October 2021 – March 2023
Morning News Anchor & Today at 11 Co-Host

Hometown Magazines, Brandon, MS May 2023 - Present Account Executive

### **Notable Awards**

Seal of Approval – American Meteorological Society

Mississippi Magazine - "Favorite Media Personality"

Clarion Ledger "Best of Favorite TV Personality" & "Best Weathercast" (multiple years)

Associated Press – Best Weathercast (multiple years)

Jackson Free Press – "Favorite TV Personality" & "Best Public Figure" (multiple years)

Mrs. Mississippi 2000

Mississippi College – Distinguished Alumnae 2007

"Top 40 Under 40" – Mississippi Economic Council

The Salvation Army - Angel Award

Girl Scouts of Middle Mississippi – Distinguished Laureate Award

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation – National Volunteer of the Year Award

Mississippi Farm Bureau Ag Ambassador Award

### **Volunteer Activities**

Colonial Heights Baptist Church – Sunday school teacher & Praise Team Singer Junior League of Jackson – Sustaining Member
Mississippi Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership – Board of Directors
Junior Auxiliary of Madison County – Sustaining Member
Jackson Classical – Board of Directors
American Meteorological Society Jackson Chapter – Vice President